

## PATENT APPLICATION

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For: TEST PIECE AND QUANTITATIVE METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AN ORGANISM-ORIENTED SUBSTANCE

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:~~Please enter~~ <sup>Amend</sup> the following amended claims:

1. (Twice amended) An apparatus for measuring a value detected from a second label corrected for a value detected from a first label comprising:

a first detection means for detecting a level of a first labeling signal emitted by a first labeling substance, which labels a plurality of known different specific binding substances respectively disposed at a plurality of predetermined positions on a carrier of a test piece, for each of said plurality of predetermined positions;

a second detection means for detecting a level of a second labeling signal emitted by a second labeling substance, which differs from said first labeling substance and labels an